

House Resolution 186

By: Representative Golick of the 34th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Keep Georgia Beautiful and the Keep America Beautiful affiliates in Georgia;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, litter and blighted neighborhoods leave a negative impression that affects
4 tourism, economic development, and crime rates; and

5 WHEREAS, litter is not just an aesthetic problem, but also affects the safety and quality of
6 life of Georgians and the environment; and

7 WHEREAS, litter that is irresponsibly dropped along roadways or on land is often washed
8 into storm-water systems and ultimately ends up in Georgia streams, rivers, and lakes,
9 negatively impacting water quality; and

10 WHEREAS, Keep America Beautiful affiliates, which now cover over 75 percent of the
11 population of Georgia, have been highly successful in getting citizens and corporate partners
12 involved in their communities by volunteering their time and resources for cleanup efforts;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Keep America Beautiful affiliates have forged highly successful partnerships
15 to support their programs, resulting in over 12 dollars of benefit for every dollar of public
16 funds invested in their programs; and

17 WHEREAS, Georgia's 67 Keep America Beautiful affiliates benefit from programs offered
18 by Keep Georgia Beautiful, which has been able to leverage an additional 92 cents in
19 corporate support for every dollar it received from the Solid Waste Trust Fund; and

20 WHEREAS, in 2004, over 40,000 volunteers cleaned up over 5,000 roadway miles and 300
21 illegal dumps during Georgia's Great American Cleanup efforts.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
2 the members of this body join in commending Keep Georgia Beautiful and the Keep America
3 Beautiful affiliates in Georgia.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
5 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Keep Georgia Beautiful.